

(a) a combination of at least one plant oil chosen from oils of fennel, basil, or one or more active ingredients thereof together with at least one of the group comprising [benzoic acid, ]methyl paraben, ethyl paraben, propyl paraben or butyl paraben; or

(b) a combination of an oil of fennel or one or more active ingredients thereof together with benzoic acid;

wherein said one or more[, the] active ingredients [of the plant oils] are trans-anethole, fenchone or estragole, wherein [and] the concentration of fennel oil or basil oil or active ingredient thereof is between 0.01% to 1%, and wherein said formulation is used as a micro-organism inhibitor.

11. (Previously Amended) A formulation as claimed in claim 10 wherein the concentration of benzoic acid, methyl paraben, ethyl paraben, propyl paraben or butyl paraben is from 0.01% to 1%.

12. (Previously Cancelled) A method of inhibiting Staphylococcus aureus or vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus, comprising the step of adding the formulation of claim 10 to a preparation of medicament.

13. (Previously Cancelled) A method of inhibiting Staphylococcus aureus or vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus, comprising the step of adding the formulation of claim 11 to a preparation of medicament.

14. (Previously Amended) The formulation according to claim 10 wherein the formulation is in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

15. (Previously Amended) The formulation according to claim 11 wherein the formulation is in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

16. (Original) A medicament to inhibit micro-organism growth comprising a formulation as claimed in claim 10.

17. (Original) A medicament to inhibit micro-organism growth comprising a formulation as claimed in claim 11.

18. (Original) A formulation as claimed in claim 10 in a spray formulation.

19. (Original) A formulation as claimed in claim 11 in a spray formulation.

20. (Newly Added) The formulation according to claim 10, wherein said combination comprises oil of fennel at a concentration in the range of 0.1 to 0.4%.

21. (Newly Added) The formulation according to claim 20, wherein said combination comprises at least one of benzoic acid or methyl paraben at a concentration in the range of 0.05 to 0.5%.

22. (Newly Added) The formulation according to claim 10, wherein said combination comprises oil of basil at a concentration in the range of 0.01 to 0.5%.

23. (Newly Added) The formulation according to claim 22, wherein said combination comprises oil of basil at a concentration in the range of 0.05 to 0.5%.

24. (Newly Added) A medicament to inhibit micro-organism growth comprising a formulation as claimed in claim 20.

25. (Newly Added) A medicament to inhibit micro-organism growth comprising a formulation as claimed in claim 21.

26. (Newly Added) A medicament to inhibit micro-organism growth comprising a formulation as claimed in claim 22.

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27. (Newly Added) A medicament to inhibit micro-organism growth comprising a formulation as claimed in claim 23.